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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(a)-(b) applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit A**) and are attached hereto:

1. Japanese Publication No. 11-238488, published August 31, 1999 (**Exhibit 1**);
2. Japanese Publication No. 11-307048, published November 5, 1999 (**Exhibit 2**);
3. Japanese Publication No. 11-329350, published November 30, 1999 (**Exhibit 3**);
4. Japanese Publication No. 2000-516901, published December 19, 2000 (**Exhibit 4**); and
5. Japanese Publication No. 2001-357818, published December 26, 2001 (**Exhibit 5**).

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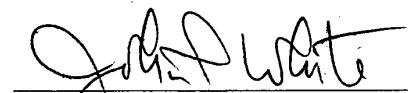
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), applicant hereby provides a concise statement of the relevance, as it is presently understood, of each reference that is not in the English language.

The above five Japanese Publications (Exhibits 1-5) are disclosed in the body of the specification filed on November 3, 2003 along with statements of relevancy.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being concurrently submitted with the above-identified application.

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